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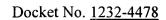
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. No fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, in the event any fees are necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 1232-4478.

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